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SUBJECT: REACTION TO STATEMENT ON U.S. PROGRAM FOR  
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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1. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON LIFTING OF TURKISH  
ARMS EMBARGO HAS PROVOKED BANNER HEADLINE PRESS  
COVERAGE IN NORTHERN GREECE, BUT LITTLE OTHER REACTION  
AS YET. MAKEDONIA HEADLINES CARAMANLIS' EARLY RETURN  
FROM HIS TRIP AND ELLINIKOS VORRAS "STORM OVER THE  
EMBARGO." STORIES ARE BASICALLY FACTUAL AND BASED  
ON THE WIRE SERVICES AND CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS  
FROM THOSE TRAVELING WITH PRIME MINISTER. BURIED IN  
THE ARTICLES ARE THE STATEMENTS OF POLITICAL LEADERS  
IN ATHENS. ELLINIKOS VORRAS DOES HIGHLIGHT THAT THE  
"GREEK LOBBY" IN CONGRESS IS MOBILIZING TO DEFEAT  
THE ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL AND IMPLIES THAT CURRENT  
VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS TO ATHENS IS CONNECTED  
WITH EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN EMBARGO.

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2. CALM PUBLIC REACTION, THUS FAR, IS PROBABLY  
RESULT OF ANTI-CLIMACTIC NATURE OF DEPARTMENT'S  
ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER DAYS OF SPECULATION, AND FACT  
THAT PRIME MINISTER IS OUT OF COUNTRY AND HAS MADE  
NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, WE HAVE  
NOTED SOME COOLNESS TOWARDS US WHICH STARTED EVEN  
BEFORE THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND THIS WILL

PROBABLY INCREASE AS THE ISSUE GETS REHASHED IN THE PRESS.  
WE DON'T BELIEVE THIS MEANS THE GREEKS ARE BEING SOMEWHAT  
APATHIC TO THIS EMOTIONAL ISSUE, BUT RATHER THAT THEY  
ARE UNCHARACTERISTICALLY CONTAINING THEMSELVES UNTIL  
THEY RECEIVE SOME INDICATION OF CARAMANLIS' REACTION.

3. GREEK AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT VISIBLY INCREASED  
SECURITY AROUND CONGEN DESPITE PRESS REPORTS THAT  
THE AMERICANS IN ATHENS AND THESSALONIKI ARE  
"FEARFUL." ZACHARY

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